

Whereas, it is the privilege and duty of the American people to commemorate the two hundred and twenty-ninth anniversary of the drafting of the Constitution of the United States of America by the Constitutional Convention; and

Whereas, it is fitting and proper to officially recognize this magnificent document and the anniversary of its creation; and

Whereas, public law 915 guarantees the issuing of a proclamation each year by the President of the United States of America designating September 17 through 23 as Constitution Week;

Now, therefore, I, TOM RICE, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Representative of the Seventh District of the State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim September 17 through 23, 2016 to be Constitution Week and ask our citizens to reaffirm the ideals the Framers of the Constitution had in 1787.

HONORING EAGLE SCOUT REECE
O'CONNOR

HON. PETER J. ROSKAM

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 8, 2016

Mr. ROSKAM. Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to recognize Reece O'Connor, an exceptional and accomplished young man from the Sixth District of Illinois. Reece is a senior at Hinsdale Central High School and has not only earned the rank of Eagle Scout but has earned every single merit badge the Boy Scouts of America have to offer.

This achievement represents many years of diligence and personal determination in support of the ideals of scouting. What makes this achievement even more impressive is the fact that Reece did not join Boy Scouts until the 7th grade.

Even with the late start, Reece made it his goal to "catch up" to the rest of his scout mates—and ultimately he surpassed his goal. While the Scouts only offer 136 merit badges, he currently has 138 badges. The Boy Scouts frequently add new badges and retire old ones for special occasions; for example Reece earned several badges that were only offered during the Scouts' 100th anniversary. According to a spokesman for the Boy Scouts of America Reece's success is "an extremely rare achievement."

Reece's Eagle Scout project was also an impressive accomplishment. In 2013, the summer before he started high school, he organized a shoe drive and collected more than 1,000 pairs of shoes. These shoes were sent to people in Oklahoma displaced by tornadoes, and to refugees in Nicaragua and Rwanda. Reece is a testament to the Boy Scouts organization and all that it stands for.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring Reece for his remarkable achievements.

11TH ANNUAL NATIONAL NIGHT
OUT IN THE CITY OF BULVERDE,
TEXAS ON OCTOBER 4, 2016

HON. LAMAR SMITH

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 8, 2016

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Mr. Speaker, National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie in order to make our neighborhoods safer. The City of Bulverde, which is located in the 21st Congressional District in Texas, facilitates National Night Out as a unique opportunity to join with thousands of other communities across the country in promoting cooperative, police-community crime prevention efforts.

Congratulations to the City of Bulverde as it marks its 11th consecutive year participating in this important event with the Bulverde Police Department. Each year, community participation has increased. In 2015, Bulverde placed 2nd in Texas in the National Night Out Awards Program and 14th in the U.S. in their population category.

Thanks go to the citizens of Bulverde as they join the Bulverde Police Department and the National Association of Town Watch in supporting the Annual National Night Out on October 4, 2016. These efforts keep our communities, and our citizens, more safe and secure.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE
OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST FIRE
CHIEF SPENCER CHAUVIN

HON. CEDRIC L. RICHMOND

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 8, 2016

Mr. RICHMOND. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the life and service of St. John the Baptist Fire Chief Spencer Chauvin. Chief Chauvin lost his life on August 28th after being struck by a charter bus while responding to a car accident.

From the time he was a teenager, Chauvin knew that he wanted to serve his community by following in the footsteps of his father and grandfather who both served as firefighters. At the age of 14, Chauvin became a volunteer firefighter with the St. John the Baptist Parish Westside Volunteer Fire Department.

He continued to show his dedication to service by working as an EMT for Acadian Ambulance then later receiving his Associate's Degree in Fire Science. In 2004, Chauvin joined the St. John the Baptist Fire Department full-time where he then became District Chief.

After 40 years of service, Chief Chauvin leaves behind a legacy that will resonate for years to come. My deepest condolences and prayers are with Chief Chauvin's family, his fellow firefighters, and especially his two young children.

FL INVENTOR HALL OF FAME 2016

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 8, 2016

Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the seven inventors who have been recognized as the 2016 Inductees of the Florida Inventors Hall of Fame. These inventors were nominated by their peers and have undergone the scrutiny of the Florida Inventors Hall of Fame Selection Committee, having had their innovations deemed as making a significant impact for the citizens of Florida and the United States on quality of life, economic development, and welfare of society.

The Florida Inventors Hall of Fame was founded in 2013 by Paul R. Sanberg, Senior Vice President for Research, Innovation and Economic Development, and Judy Genshaft, President, at the University of South Florida. It was recognized by the Florida Senate with Senate Resolution 1756 and adopted on April 30, 2014. Its mission is to encourage individuals of all ages and backgrounds to strive toward the betterment of Florida and society through continuous, groundbreaking innovation by commending the incredible scientific work that has been or is being accomplished in Florida and by its citizens.

Nominations to the Florida Inventors Hall of Fame are open to all Florida inventors who are or who were residents of Florida and whose connection to the state has informed their inventive work. The nominee must be a named inventor on a patent issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office. The impact of the inventor and his or her invention should be significant to society as a whole, and the invention should have been commercialized, utilized, or led to important innovations.

The 2016 Inductees of the Florida Inventors Hall of Fame are: William Dalton, Tampa physician, founder and CEO of M2Gen at Moffitt Cancer Center, for his revolutionary developments in personalized cancer treatment; Yogi Goswami, Distinguished Professor at the University of South Florida in Tampa, for his pioneering contributions and technology development in solar energy and indoor air quality; Alan Marshall, professor and chief scientist at Florida State University in Tallahassee, who invented the Fourier transform ion cyclotron resonance (FT-ICR) mass spectrometry, used to analyze complex structures; Nicholas Muzyczka, microbiologist at University of Florida in Gainesville, whose ground breaking research in adeno-associated virus has led to numerous breakthroughs in gene therapy; Jacqueline Quinn, environmental engineer at Kennedy Space Center in Cape Canaveral, who invented multiple, globally-impacting environmental cleanup technologies, including NASA's most licensed and recognized technology for groundwater remediation, Emulsified Zero Valent Iron (EZVI); Andrew Schally, Nobel Laureate, Distinguished Professor at University of Miami School of Medicine, and Distinguished Medical Research Scientist and Chief of the Endocrine, Polypeptide and Cancer Institute at the Miami Veterans Affairs Medical Center, for his discovery of hypothalamic hormones and subsequent applications of their analogues to treatment of cancer and other diseases; and MJ Soileau, professor